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WASHINGTON'S IN-AND-OUT SCHOLARS (NEWSWEEK)
SHOULD THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES BE A CAMPAIGN ISSUE? (MEDICAL WORLD NEWS)

ANNCR: HERE IS _____ WITH FROM THE MAGAZINE RACK -- VOICE OF AMERICA SUMMARIES OF ARTICLES ON TIMELY TOPICS FROM AMERICAN MAGAZINES. TODAY, NEWSWEEK REPORTS ON THE SCHOLARS WHO MIGRATE FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES TO HIGH-LEVEL JOBS WITH THE GOVERNMENT; AND MEDICAL WORLD NEWS ASKS WHETHER THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE A CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

REPORTER: ONCE UPON A TIME, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS SPENT MOST OF THEIR LIVES TEACHING AND DOING RESEARCH. ALTHOUGH THEIR ADVICE WAS SOMETIMES SOUGHT OUT BY PRESIDENTS, MOST OF THEM SPENT MORE TIME STUDYING THE DECISIONS OF GOVERNMENT THAN PARTICIPATING IN THEM. BUT IN RECENT YEARS, THE MIGRATION OF SCHOLARS FROM THE UNIVERSITY TO GOVERNMENT AND BACK AGAIN HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY COMMON. NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE GIVES SOME EXAMPLES:

VOICE: "U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD H. LEVI IS ON A SPECIAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, WHERE HE IS STILL A TENURED MEMBER OF THE LAW SCHOOL FACULTY. F. DAVID MATHEWS, THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, HAS ELEVEN MONTHS REMAINING BEFORE HE MUST RESUME THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA -- OR PERHAPS JEOPARDIZE HIS PROMISING CAREER IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. A MONTH AGO, LABOR SECRETARY JOHN T. DUNLOP ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION AND RETURNED TO HARVARD

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REPORTER: (CONT'D) EUGENE ROSTOW, WHO SERVED AS UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS UNDER PRESIDENTS JOHNSON AND NIXON: "'WHAT WE NEED OUR UNIVERSITIES FOR, IN THE LONG RUN, IS FUNDAMENTAL CRITICISM AND ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.... I HAVE VERY GREAT RESERVATIONS ABOUT WHETHER A PROFESSOR WHO HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT CAN BE COMPLETELY DETACHED.'"

"ON THE WHOLE," NEWSWEEK SAYS, "THE PLUSSES OF PUBLIC SERVICE APPEAR TO OUTWEIGH THE MINUSES." AND THE MAGAZINE QUOTES HENRY ROSOVSKY, DEAN OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, AS SAYING: "WE FEEL THAT THE UNIVERSITY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO RENDER THIS SERVICE TO GOVERNMENT." ROSOVSKY ALSO FEELS THAT GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE "BROADENS A PROFESSOR'S KNOWLEGE AND MAKES HIM A BETTER TEACHER." AND THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES:

VOICE: "EVEN THOSE SCHOOLS THAT MAINTAIN FAIRLY RIGID LIMITS ON LEAVES OF ABSENCE ARE HAPPY TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR MOST HIGH-POWERED PROFESSORS. HENRY KISSINGER HAD TO RESIGN HIS POST IN HARVARD'S GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AFTER TWO YEARS AS A PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER. THERE IS VERY LITTLE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT KISSINGER WILL BE WELCOMED BACK TO CAMBRIDGE -- COMPLETE WITH TENURE -- IF HE EVER WANTS TO RETURN."

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REPORTER: THE JOB OF BEING PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE MOST PHYSICALLY DEMANDING ON EARTH. IT REQUIRES CONSTANT TRAVEL, ENDLESS SPEECHMAKING, DAILY CONFRONTATION WITH DIFFICULT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, ALL UNDER THE PITILESS GAZE OF NEWS MEDIA THAT SCRUTINIZE NEARLY EVERY DETAIL OF HIS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE. ONLY A PERSON OF

REPORTER: (CONT'D) NEAR-LIMITLESS ENDURANCE, IT WOULD SEEM, COULD STAND UP TO THE STRAIN. FOR THIS REASON, MEDICAL WORLD NEWS LOOKS FORWARD TO THE UPCOMING U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BY ASKING THE QUESTION, "SHOULD THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES BE A CAMPAIGN ISSUE?" WRITER MARK BLOOM BEGINS BY TELLING HOW ONE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S HEALTH AFFECTED HISTORY MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS AGO:

VOICE: "PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON'S EXHAUSTION IN 1918 WHILE NEGOTIATING THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES IS COMMONLY CITED AS AN UNDERLYING CAUSE OF THE UNMANAGEABLE PEACE THAT ENSUED. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, PRESIDENT WILSON STUMPED THE COUNTRY WITH EVANGELISTIC VERVE ON BEHALF OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY AND THE NATION'S ENTRANCE INTO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, MAKING THIRTY-FOUR MAJOR ADDRESSES AND SCORES OF SMALL TALKS. BUT ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1919, WILSON SUFFERED A PHYSICAL COLLAPSE WHILE ON TOUR IN COLORADO, AND A WEEK LATER, IN WASHINGTON, D.C., A STROKE PARALYZED THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS BODY.

"FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, WHILE PRESIDENT WILSON RECOVERED SLOWLY, THE COUNTRY WAS RUN TO A LARGE DEGREE BY HIS WIFE, EDITH BOLLING GALT WILSON, WHO TOOK UPON HERSELF THE ROLE OF CHIEF OF STAFF WITH PLENIPOTENTIARY POWERS. SHE MADE MAJOR DECISIONS AND SHIELDED HER HUSBAND FROM ALL BUT THE MOST ESSENTIAL DUTIES. PRESIDENT WILSON'S ABSENCE FROM THE ACTIVE POLITICAL STAGE, ONLY VAGUELY EXPLAINED TO THE PUBLIC, WAS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW OPPONENTS OF THE TREATY TO BLOCK ITS SENATE RATIFICATION."

REPORTER: IN OTHER CASES, MISTER BLOOM WRITES, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HAS BEEN COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF PRESIDENTIAL ILLNESSES. PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND CONCEALED THE FACT THAT HE HAD CANCER OF THE MOUTH IN 1893 BECAUSE HE BELIEVED ANY NEWS OF HIS ILLNESS WOULD BE "RUINOUS TO THE NATION." A SECRET OPERATION WAS ARRANGED TO REMOVE THE CANCEROUS GROWTH. IT WAS SO SUCCESSFUL THAT FEW BELIEVED A TRUE REPORT PUBLISHED BY A NEWSPAPER TWO MONTHS LATER. MISTER BLOOM ALSO WRITES THAT "THE TAIL END OF WORLD WAR TWO AND SUBSEQUENT POSTWAR EVENTS WERE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THE POLITICAL JUDGMENT OF A MAN IT IS NOW EVIDENT WAS NEARING THE END OF HIS TETHER, PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT." MISTER ROOSEVELT SUFFERED FROM SEVERE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED A LARGE DOSE OF DIGITALIS DAILY. WHEN ROOSEVELT WENT TO YALTA TO CONFER WITH CHURCHILL AND STALIN, CHURCHILL'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN LORD MORAN NOTICED HIS ILL HEALTH AND LACK OF ALERTNESS. HOWEVER, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WAS TOLD NOTHING. THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH SHORTLY AFTER THE YALTA CONFERENCE CAME AS A GREAT SURPRISE TO NEARLY EVERYONE. YET, MISTER BLOOM REPORTS, THE PRESIDENT'S PHYSICIAN, DOCTOR BRUENN, STILL FEELS TODAY THAT CONCEALING ROOSEVELT'S ILLNESS WAS THE RIGHT COURSE OF ACTION. IN THE DOCTOR'S WORDS:

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VOICE: "ANY INTIMATION THAT HE WAS ILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WAR WOULD HAVE CREATED GREAT PROBLEMS NOT ONLY HERE BUT WORLDWIDE. FURTHERMORE, THERE WAS A CRITICAL CONFIDENTIALITY AND TRUST BETWEEN ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL, AND STALIN THAT, I BELIEVE, WOULD HAVE BEEN IRREPARABLY DAMAGED HAD THERE BEEN ANY SIGN OF WEAKNESS."

REPORTER: THE KNOTTY ISSUE OF WHETHER A PRESIDENT'S STATE OF HEALTH SHOULD BE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE TODAY. BECAUSE A PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CAN AFFECT HIS DECISION-MAKING CAPABILITY, SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO BE FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE HEALTH OF ANY PRESIDENT -- OR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. MISTER BLOOM QUOTES DOCTOR JAMES NICHOLAS, WHO ONCE TREATED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY FOR A HORMONE DEFICIENCY:

VOICE: "IT IS APPALLING TO HAVE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE WHO HAVE DOCUMENTED INFIRMITIES THAT THEY DON'T PERMIT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW. AS AN EXAMPLE, THEY ARE HOPING TO RUN THE COUNTRY, AND DRUGS THEY TAKE HAVE THE EFFECT OF MODIFYING MOOD. IT WORKS BOTH WAYS, TOO -- FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CANDIDATE. IF PRESIDENT FORD HAS AN UNSTABLE KNEE, AND HE FALLS DOWN, IT'S A HECK OF A LOT BETTER FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT THAN HAVING RUMORS HE IS AN ALCOHOLIC. IT'S TO THE CANDIDATE'S ADVANTAGE AS MUCH AS TO HIS DISADVANTAGE."

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